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SUBJECT: REPORT TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
ON AMCIT PRISONERS IN MEXICO

REF: A) MEXICO 09237 AND B) DAVIS/MCLENDON TELECON OF  
24 JUNE 1977

1. THE FOLLOWING DATA WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM  
REFTEL A AT TIME OF ORIGINAL TRANSMISSION. PARAGRAPHS  
D AND E OF REFTTEL A ARE HERewith SUBMITTED IN THEIR  
ENTIRETY:

D. CLAIMS OF INNOCENCE.

NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR THE CONSTITUENT POSTS CONSIDER  
THAT THE DETERMINATION OF INNOCENCE OR GUILT OF AN  
AMERICAN PRISONER CAN OR SHOULD BE MADE BY THE CONSULAR  
OFFICER. HOWEVER, DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE  
FOLLOWING CLAIMS OF INNOCENCE WERE REPORTED:

TOTAL	23
MEXICO CITY	15
CIUDAD JUAREZ	0
GUADALAJARA	EMBASSY UNABLE TO OBTAIN

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HERMOSILLO	2
MATAMOROS	0
MAZATLAN	2
MERIDA	2
MONTERREY	0
NUEVO LAREDO	0

TIJUANA 2

E. ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST  
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TOTAL	42	9	13	20
MEXICO CITY	10	4	-	6
CIUDAD JUAREZ	0	-	-	-
GUADALAJARA	8	-	8	-
HERMOSILLO	4	-	3	1
MATAMOROS	0	-	-	-
MAZATLAN	2	1	1	-
MERIDA	2	0	0	2
MONTERREY	1	-	-	1
NUEVO LAREDO	3	1	1	2
TIJUANA	12	4	-	8

IT IS DIFFICULT TO SUBSTANTIATE CASES OF ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST. IN MANY CASES EITHER COERCIVE METHODS ALLEGEDLY USED DO NOT LEAVE MARKS (E.G. SODA WATER FORCED UP NOSTRILS) OR MARKS OF ALLEGED BEATING COULD HAVE DISAPPEARED BEFORE CONSULAR OFFICER SEES PRISONER.

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CASES SUBSTANTIATED BY CONSTITUENT POSTS OR THE EMBASSY ARE REPORTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IF THE PRISONER CONCURS. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS PROMISED A FULL INVESTIGATION IN EACH INSTANCE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS IS MORE EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING ABUSES TO GOM'S ATTENTION THAN THE FORMER METHOD OF FILING DIPLOMATIC NOTES WITH SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS WHICH WENT UNANSWERED.

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